

The House PAGE

Since 1891, young people from across the state have come to Olympia to serve as pages for the Washington State House of Representatives.

Paging presents students with a unique educational opportunity to participate in the legislative process. Selection as a page is a great honor.

Page duties are varied. They range from ceremonial tasks such as presenting the flags to operational chores like distributing amendments during legislative sessions. Each job is vital to the efficient operation of the Legislature.

As the week-long experience draws to a close and pages return to their schools and communities, it is hoped that pages will share their experiences and observations with others in an effort to contribute to a more universal understanding of the legislative process.



The Work Week and Orientation

Pages must attend a two-hour page orientation on the Sunday afternoon immediately preceding the scheduled work week. The scheduled work week begins the next day, Monday, and extends through the following Sunday, depending on whether or not the House is in session. Daily work hours begin at 7:45 am and typically last until 5:00 pm (though pages may be asked to work later if the House of Representatives is in session.)

Page School

Pages spend two hours each day in a classroom setting learning about the legislative process. In addition, pages have the opportunity to spend another hour, in a quiet environment, working on school assignments from home.

Requirements

To serve as a page for the House of Representatives, a student must:

- Have permission from a parent or guardian
- Have permission from school
- Be sponsored by a member of the House of Representatives
- Be at least 14 years of age and not have reached his or her 17th birthday

To allow the maximum number of students to participate, pages are allowed to serve only one week per legislative session for either the House or the Senate, not both.

Clothing

The House will provide pages with page jackets and a black tie (for boys). Pages must bring the following clothing, to be worn each day: a white blouse or white shirt with collar, black dress slacks or black skirt, black shoes, and black socks.

Housing and Transportation

Pages are responsible for their own housing and transportation arrangements. The House of Representatives will provide a list of available private housing at the time of employment confirmation.

Employment Information

Applicants who are selected to serve as House pages will be provided with written employment confirmation. At that time, a packet will be provided which contains detailed information regarding the paging experience and forms that must be completed prior to the time paging begins.

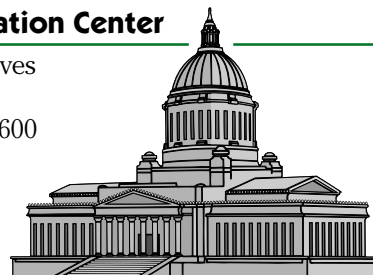
Paging is a paid position – the pay is \$35 per day for each day worked. Before work commences, federal law requires that all employees, including pages, have a **Social Security card and prove their employment eligibility.**

Questions

If you have questions or need this application in an alternate format, please contact your member of the House of Representatives or the Legislative Information Center at the address and telephone number provided below.

Legislative Information Center

House of Representatives
P.O. Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600
(360) 786-7573



House Page Application – (return to your Representative)

Please type or print legibly

Have you paged before? _____ When? _____

Name: _____
Last First MI

Home Address: _____
Street Apt. #

City State Zip

Home Phone: () _____

Will you need help with housing?: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of parent or guardian: _____

Parent's Daytime Phone: () _____

Social Security Number: _____ \ _____ \ _____
(Social Security Number must be obtained before application can be accepted)

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

School Name: _____

Grade: _____ Principal: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____
Date _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: _____
Date _____

SPONSOR:

Representative _____

*Weeks you **CANNOT** page (final exams, sports, family obligations, etc.):

**Please give this section careful consideration.
We cannot reschedule you if you cancel.*

I recommend this applicant for the position of PAGE in
the Washington State House of Representatives during
the upcoming session.

Member, Washington State House of Representatives

Date _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

Principal: _____

Comments: _____

Teacher/Counselor: _____

Comments: _____

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